GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4005
ANSWERED ON:14.12.2001
NON-PROCUREMENT OF RICE IN ANDHRA PRADESH
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Andhra Pradesh Government has complained about lack of procurement of rice bythe FCI during the last kharif and rabi seasons;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken to solve the problems of Andhra Pradesh farmers?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI PRADHAN)

(a)&(b): No, Sir.

(c): During the Kharif Marketing Season (KMS) 2000-01 (October-September) 71.72 lakh MTs of rice was procured in Andhra Pradesh as against 54.98 lakh MTs during the preceding year. The procurement during the Kharif Marketing Season 2000-01 was the highest in the history of Andhra Pradesh.

Measures taken to ensure receipt of levy rice by FCI during the current season inter-alia includes:

(i) Construction of additional storage capacity of FCI.

(ii) Extending guarantee of 7 years occupation by FCI.

(iii) Extending similar guarantees to CWC for constructing 1.66 lakh M.T. of covered space in Andhra Pradesh.